

# St Matthias Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure you are aware, following the results of a national ballot, teacher members of the National Education Union (NEU) working in England's schools have voted in favour of strike action. This is based on the need for above inflation pay rises and in seeing improvements in the Government funding provided to schools, especially to fund increases in pay. These issues contribute in part to staff leaving the profession, especially in London, and in schools having to make significant cuts which impacts the quality of provision. St Matthias has already felt the impact of these government cuts in funding.

I want to assure you that industrial action is not something staff in the education profession take lightly. We recognise the frustration and anxiety this causes and the disruption to all our families and community. Staff taking industrial action themselves do not get paid and this demonstrates, during our current cost of living crisis, how important it is to the staff to take a stand.

School will be closed to children on:

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

**School will remain open to all Year 6 children on both days.**

Please do not send your children into school on a day school is closed due to industrial action. We thank you all for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Blewett'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

**Mrs Lucy Blewett**  
Headteacher